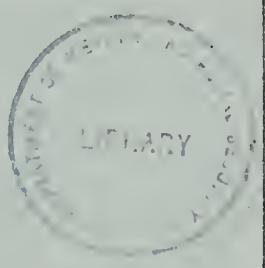


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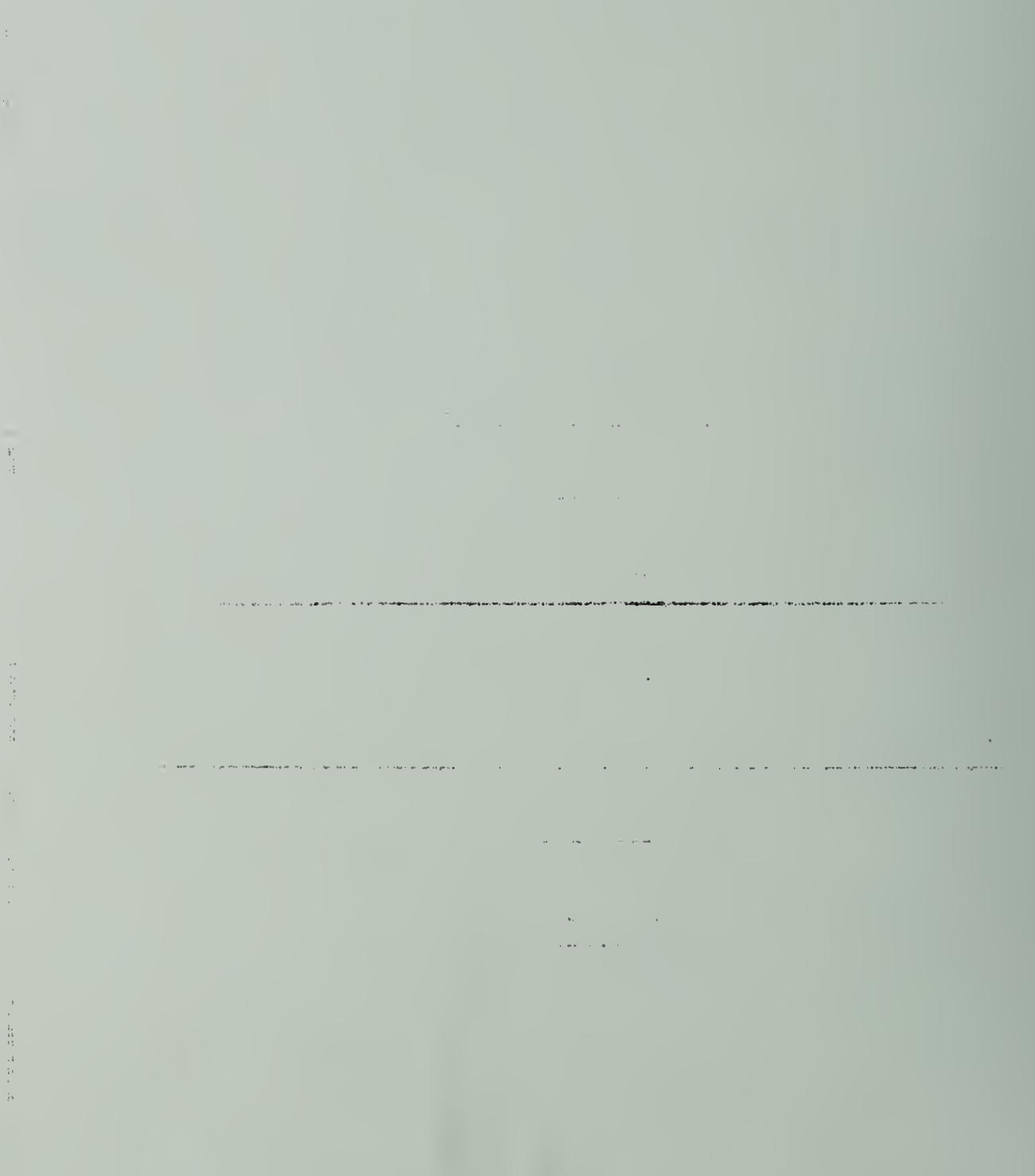
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1971

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Appointed 1st July 1971

Senior Public Health Inspector

MR. J. H. RICHARDS until 30th June 1971

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS

Tel. No. 54254/5/6

Public Health Department.
31, Southernhay East,
Exeter.

Mr. Chairman, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present to you my Annual Report together with that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

It must be said that this has been a difficult year as regards staffing. In June, Mr. K.C.Benham the Chief Public Health Inspector retired and in July Mr. Billington, an additional Public Health Inspector resigned to take up an appointment with another Authority. Mr. Benham's post was filled by Mr. Richards and Mr. Hopkins was promoted to Senior Public Health Inspector.

From July to December, the Department was short of one Inspector, as great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a person with the necessary qualification and experience on the salary that was offered. This reduction in the number of staff has had repercussions on the number of routine visits made, particularly with regard to Food Hygiene and Housing.

As regards the general health of the District, this may be considered very satisfactory. There were 323 live births and 458 deaths. This large difference between the numbers of middle-aged and elderly people who choose the area in which to retire.

It is gratifying to note that the infant mortality rate of 12, is much lower than that for England and Wales as a whole.

Of the 160 cases of notifiable infectious diseases, 146 were measles. This figure is much less than would have occurred due no doubt to the efficiency of the programme of measles vaccination. It is hoped that if such a programme is pursued energetically, in the near future, measles will become virtually eliminated from the community just as poliomyelitis and diphtheria have been eliminated.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Council and all members of the staff for their help and co-operation given throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
your obedient servant.

L.G. ANDERSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	114,603
Resident Population Mid-Year 1971 (as estimated by the Registrar General)	28,170
Rateable Hereditaments in the District (as at 1st April, 1971)	10,862
Domestic dwellings only	9,658
Rateable value as at 1st April, 1971	£991,708
Product of a penny rate: 71/72	£10,131. 39•25

2. VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	158	139	297
Illegitimate	14	12	26
T O T A L	172	151	323

Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	11.5
Standardised live birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	12.5
Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated civilian population England and Wales	16.00

(b) Still Births

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	1	1
T O T A L	2	2	4

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births	12.00
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births England and Wales	12.00

(c) Deaths

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
	203	255	458
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	16.3		
Standardised death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	9.9		
Death rate per 1,000 civilian population England and Wales	11.6		

(d) Infant Mortality
(deaths of infants under 1 year of age)

	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
T O T A L	2	2	4

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 12
 Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births
 England and Wales 18

3. LIVE BIRTH RATE (Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population)

During 1971, 172 male and 151 female (total 323) babies were born. Compared with the previous year the total births show a decrease of 3. The standardised rate per 1,000 estimated resident population was 12.5 which was lower than that for England and Wales as a whole (16.0).

The total number of live births registered in England and Wales during 1971 was 783,165 which was 1,317 less than the total for 1970, and represented a live birth rate per 1,000 population of 16.

The live birth rates for St. Thomas R.D. and England and Wales during the last 10 years were as follows:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
St. Thomas R.D.	15.7	15.3	15.7	16.8	13.9	13.5	14.5	12.4	10.6	11.5
Standardised	18.1	17.1	17.6	18.8	16.4	15.0	15.8	13.5	11.6	12.5
England and Wales	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0

4. ILLEGIMATE BIRTH RATE (Rate per 1,000 total live births)

Of the 323 children born during 1971, 26 were illegitimate, i.e. 3 more than in the previous year. The rate per 1,000 total live births was 80.4.

The illegitimate birth rates during the last 10 years were as follows:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
St. Thomas R.D.	63.6	49.8	35.6	72.2	97.0	91.1	79.7	75.5	70.6	80.5

5. STILL BIRTHS (Rate per 1,000 total live and still births)

The number of still births which occurred during 1971, viz. 4 was higher than the previous year, and the still birth rate of 12 was the same as that for England and Wales as a whole (12).

The table shows the still birth rate for the last 10 years:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
St. Thomas	19.4	14.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	14.7	14.7	23	9	12
England and Wales	18.1	17.3	16.3	15.7	15.3	14.8	14	13	13	12

6. DEATHS

(a) During the year 1971, 458 persons normally resident in the rural District died (203 males and 255 females) which represents a death rate of 16.3 but when allowances for age and sex distribution have been made, represents a 'standardised' death rate of 9.9. This rate is lower than that for England and Wales as a whole (11.6). The following table shows the corrected and standardised death rates for the St. Thomas R.D. for the last 10 years as compared with the death rates for England and Wales:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
St. Thomas	13.1	14.0	13.2	13.2	13.4	13.6	16.8	16.1	16.0	16.3
Standardised	9.7	10.8	10.2	9.4	8.8	8.8	10.4	9.5	9.8	9.9
England and Wales	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6

(b) Age at Death

The average age at death during 1971 was 72.08 and the table shows the average age at death during the last 10 years:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Males	66.4	67.1	68.2	69.9	71.6	69.6	70.7	69.5	69.1	68.4
Females	73.2	73.9	74.4	73.0	75.3	77.8	76.1	76.1	74.2	74.9
Both Sexes	69.8	70.6	71.2	71.2	73.5	72.1	73.6	73.7	72.2	72.1
England & Wales	68.1	68.0	68.8	68.9	69.0	69.1	69.1	69.1	69.1	-
	Males									
	Females	74.0	73.9	74.5	74.7	75.0	75.1	75.1	75.1	-

CAUSE OF DEATH		SEX	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	AGE IN YEARS									
					4 weeks & under 1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Late Effects of Respiratory T.B.		M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity		M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine		M	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus		M	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast		F	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate		F	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leukaemia		M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms		F	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus		M	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Anaemias		F	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mental Disorders		M	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

	CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	AGE IN YEARS						
					4 Weeks & under 1 year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54
Other Diseases of Nervous System		M F	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease		M F	3 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease		M F	1 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease		M F	56 52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms of Heart Disease		M F	9 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular Disease		M F	19 38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Circulatory System		M F	6 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza		M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia		M F	24 41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema		M F	11 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma		M F	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System		M F	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peptic Ulcer		M F	3 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
All other External Causes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	203	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	13	26	66	86
	F	255	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	6	26	59	157

INFANT MORTALITY

Four infants, 2 males and 2 females under the age of one year, died during 1971. This represents an infant mortality rate of 12 which is lower than that for England and Wales (18). The causes of death of these infants were as follows:-

Female	18 hours	1 a.	Respiratory Distress
		b	Extreme immaturity
Male	3 days	1	Prematurity
Male	4 months	1 a	Asphyxia
		b	Regurgitation of gastric content
Female	5 months	1 a	Asphyxia
			Death due to misadventure

CANCER

The number of deaths from cancer decreased from 81 in 1970 to 75 in 1971. In relation to the total number of deaths the rate per cent increased slightly from 16.0 in 1970 to 16.1 in 1971.

The parts of the body affected are given in the table below:-

	Males	Females	Total
Buccal Cavity	1	-	1
Larynx	1	-	1
Stomach	3	3	6
Intestine	9	3	12
Lung & Bronchus	11	5	16
Breast	-	12	12
Uterus	-	1	1
Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	4	2	6
All other sites	10	9	19
TOTAL	40	35	75

The incidence of death from cancer during the last 10 years is as follows:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Males	41	41	49	53	37	38	39	42	44	39
Females	31	39	36	39	29	27	33	33	37	35
Rates per 1000 Resident Population	2.00	2.50	2.20	2.40	2.05	2.11	2.38	2.43	2.64	2.62

LUNG CANCER

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Males	11	9	17	17	9	15	18	11	14	11
Females	-	2	4	3	5	2	5	1	3	5
TOTAL	11	11	15	20	14	17	23	12	17	16

9. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During 1971, 160 cases of notifiable diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) were notified, which is 113 more than in the previous year.

(a) Measles

There were 146 cases of measles during the year, compared with 37 in 1970.

The seasonal incidence of measles in the St. Thomas Rural District and England and Wales as a whole was as follows:-

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
St. Thomas	26	27	30	3	3	8	17	3	2	26	1	-
TOTAL		83			14			22			27	
England and Wales		54,510			44,129			20,344			16,221	

(b) Whooping Cough

During 1971 1 case of Whooping Cough was notified, as compared with no cases in 1970

(c) Scarlet Fever

4 cases occurred in 1971.

(d) Poliomyelitis

Again, no cases of Poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

(e) Diphtheria

For the 21st consecutive year, there have been no cases of diphtheria notified.

(f) Tabular Statements of Infectious Diseases

The incidence during 1971 of the various notifiable infectious diseases is tabulated hereunder:-

Disease	Cases Notified	Institutional Cases included in Col.2	Cases Admitted to Hospital
Measles	146	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Food Poisoning	6	-	-
Infective Jaundice	3	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
T O T A L	160	-	-

Table showing the age distribution of Infectious Diseases

	Under 1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	Age Not Known	TOTAL
measles	2	9	31	4	7	80	10	-	-	-	-	3	146
scarlet fever	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
food poisoning	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	6
infective jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	9	31	7	7	82	12	2	1	-	2	1	159

The following table shows the incidence
(Numbers notified) of various infectious
diseases during the last 10 years:-

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Measles	159	686	200	336	215	280	57	17	37	146
Whooping Cough	12	11	5	8	12	2	9	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	7	22	6	10	13	9	6	2	-	4
Dysentery	28	69	38	6	-	5	5	4	2	-
Pneumonia	7	15	8	-	7	5	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	2	1	-	7	1	2	3	4	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro-enteritis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	4	3
TOTAL	222	807	265	364	257	305	83	31	47	160

10. TUBERCULOSIS

During 1971, 7 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified.

The age distribution of new cases, localisation of the disease and deaths from Tuberculosis during 1971 were as follows:-

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 weeks and under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1+	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15+	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
25+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45+	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
55+	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL AGES	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-
T O T A L		7						

The incidence of all cases of Tuberculosis brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during 1962/1971 is given in the following table:

		1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Pulmonary	M	9	10	5	6	7	3	1	1	1	-
	F	8	7	3	5	-	-	1	1	-	5
Non-Pulmonary	M	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	5	2	3	2	1	1	1	-	1
TOTAL		20	22	12	15	10	4	3	3	1	7

NATIONAL HEALTH FACILITIES

The Health Services provided under Parts II and III of the National Health Service Act applicable to your district are briefly set out below:-

Part IIHospital Facilities

General - the district is well served by the following hospitals:-

- (a) The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Southernhay East, Exeter
Telephone 59261 302 beds
- (b) The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
Telephone 77991 240 beds
- (c) Redhills Hospital, St. Thomas, Exeter.
Telephone 76481 139 beds
- (d) Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Buckerell Bore, Exeter.
Telephone 54217 111 beds
- (e) West of England Eye Infirmary, Magdalen Street, Exeter.
Telephone 73183 62 beds
- (f) Exmouth Hospital, Claremont Grove, Exmouth.
Telephone 4381 45 beds

Maternity

- (a) Exeter City Hospital, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
Special Baby Care Unit 49 beds
31 cots
- (b) Mowbray Maternity Hospital, Heavitree, Exeter 24 beds
20 cots

Isolation

Cases of Infectious Diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter, Telephone 67158 as in previous years, when necessary.

Smallpox

Cases of smallpox or suspected smallpox will be admitted to the Smallpox Isolation Hospital at Liskeard, Cornwall. Consultants who may be called upon to assist in the diagnosis of smallpox are:-

East Devon Dr. E.J.G. Wallace,
Health Centre, Westham Road,
Weymouth, Dorset.

Cornwall & Devon to River Exe.
Dr. W. H. St. John-Brooke,
West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance, Cornwall.

Plastic Surgery

The plastic surgery clinic for Devon is held at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital once/twice a month alternately from 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. Mr. Pigott, Mr. Routledge, and Mr. Bodenham of the South West Regional Hospital Board attend.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological and serological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter, their address being Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter. Tel. No. 77833, under the direction of Dr. B. Moore, whose ready co-operation and help I wish to acknowledge.

Venereal Disease

Under the present scheme, free advice and treatment is available to all persons at the following centre.

<u>Exeter</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital	Mon. 7.0 - 8.0p.m. Fri. 2.0 - 3.0p.m.	Mon. 6.0 - 7.0p.m. Fri. 3.0 - 4.0p.m.

Part III

Care of Mothers and Young Children

Under the Devon County Council Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme the Infant Welfare Centre is held during the year at Broadclyst, Stoke Canon and Clyst St. Mary.

During 1970 the following attendances were made:-

		<u>BROADCLYST</u>	<u>CLYST ST. MARY</u>	<u>STOKE CANON</u>
<u>No. of Sessions</u>	....	24	23	22
<u>New Attendances</u>				
0 - 1	....	25	26	12
1 - 2	....	7	12	1
2 - 5	...	12	22	0
<u>Total Attendances</u>				
0 - 1	101	195	46
1 - 2	35	42	10
2 - 5	37	89	11

R E P O R T

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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1. SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The five licensed slaughterhouses continued in regular use and were generally maintained to a satisfactory standard.

2. MEAT INSPECTION

No special difficulties were encountered during the year and 100% inspection of all animals was carried out. The number slaughtered (Table A) was 38,981 and the amount received in fees was £2,004.16.

The total weight of meat and offal found unfit for human consumption was 25 tons. 5 cwts. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

Six cattle were found to be infested with *Cysticercus Bovis* and sent for refrigeration. A degenerative cyst was found in 62 cattle, which is 22 less than last year.

TABLE A

Number Killed	Heifers & Steers	Cows	Calves	Sheeps & Lambs	Pigs	Total
Total No. Killed: 1970	5525	1760	348	11240	19891	38764
1971	5404	1879	137	11356	20205	38981

TABLE B - Percentage of animals affected with Tuberculosis since 1966:-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Heifers & Steers	0.03	Nil	0.02	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cows	0.03	Nil	0.04	Nil	Nil	Nil
Calves	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pigs	2.93	2.15	1.57	1.34	1.40	1.02

TABLE C - Causes for condemnation of whole carcases:

Disease	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Anaemia, advanced	-	-	-	-
Bruising, (extensive)	1	-	1	-
Emaciation, path.	-	-	1	-
Fevered	1	-	-	2
Fractures & bruising	-	-	-	-
Immaturity & deformity	-	1	-	-
Mastitis (acute septic)	-	-	-	-
Metritis (acute septic)	-	-	2	-
Moribund & decomposing	-	-	-	-
Oedema, generalised	3	-	3	1
Peritonitis (acute, diffuse, septic)	-	1	-	3
Pleurisy (acute, diffuse, septic)	-	-	1	-1
Pneumonia (acute, septic)	-	-	2	-
Pyaemia incl. joint ill	1	-	2	4
Septicaemia or Toxaemia	2	2	2	1
Tumours (multiple)	2	-	-	-
Uraemia	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	10	4	12	14

TABLE D - Details of animals condemned and destroyed

All diseases except Tuberculosis:	Heifers & Steers	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Whole carcases condemned	2	8	4	12	14
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	2830	1580	14	1439	8160
Percentage of the number affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	52.37	84.13	10.21	12.67	40.31
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	207
Percentage of the number affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.02%

3. OTHER FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED

The following table shows the amount of other foodstuffs condemned:-

Foodstuffs condemned:	Cwts	Qrs	Lbs	Oz.
Tinned Food	21	2	7	9
Bacon	17	1	19	0
TOTAL	38	3	26	9

4. FOOD COMPLAINTS - Foreign Bodies

Three complaints were received during the year. They were as follows:-

- 1.) A hairpin in a bottle of lemonade. This matter was reported to the Committee who decided that no court proceedings should be taken against the manufacturers.
- 2.) A loaf of bread affected with mould. No action was taken in this case as the purchaser could not state with certainty from which of the three shops in the village she had bought the loaf and was in any case not agreeable to giving evidence in court.
- 3.) An ice-cream cornet affected with insect eggs. In this case the occupier of the premises, which was also not registered for the sale of ice-cream, was fined a total of £10.00

5. POULTRY INSPECTION

The Ministry of Health have asked for the following information:-

- i) Number of poultry processing premises within the district - NIL
- ii) Number of visits to these premises - NIL
- iii) Total number of birds processed during the year - NIL
- iv) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption - NIL
- v) Types of birds processed - NIL
- vi) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption - NIL
- vii) Comments on poultry processing and inspection - NIL

A number of butchers kill a few chicken for sale on their own premises.

No complaints were received regarding the sale of unsatisfactory poultry during the year.

There are a number of premises rearing broilers but these are sold to processing plants where they are killed and processed.

6. INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the number of food premises and the visits made:-

	No. in District	No. of Inspections made 1971
Grocers, greengrocers & general stores.	91	56
Bakehouses	4	1
Butchers shops	19	20
Canteens (School and Works)	14	3
Restaurants, Cafes and Hotels	64	34
Public Houses	66	14
Food Preparation rooms	24	15
Confectioners and Bakers	23	5
Fried Fish Shops	1	1
Ice-cream	110	21

It was necessary to draw the occupiers' attention in writing to various defects and 5 letters were sent during the year to the following:-

• Restaurants 4
• Bakers 1

7. MOBILE SHOPS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES

Thirty-two inspections were made of these vehicles under the Food Hygiene (Market, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regs. 1966. It was necessary to serve 4 written Notices to comply with the requirements of these Regulations.

8. ICE-CREAM

Six samples were taken during the year and they all proved satisfactory. Twenty-one visits were made to premises selling ice-cream.

9. MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Number of Milk Distributors	... . . . .	74
Number of producer/retailers	... . . . .	29
Number of inspections made	... . . . .	14

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

The Ministry of Health asked for the following information:-

- i) Number of samples of raw milk examined 9
- ii) Number of positive samples found 2

One of the positive samples later proved to be negative on culture.

With regard to the other sample the farm was visited and the milk is now sent to a dairy for pasteurisation.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food state that the Brucellosis eradication scheme is proceeding on a voluntary basis and it is very pleasing to know that Devon is the leading county in the elimination of this disease which affects both animals and humans.

The Devon County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, take regular samples from producers and pay particular attention to producer-retailers and at the same time samples are submitted to ascertain if the milk is infected with Brucella Abortus. The total number of samples taken by these two authorities is not known, as we are only notified of the positive samples.

10. HOUSING

During the year 16 houses were reported to the Council as being unfit for human habitation and were dealt with, together with those deferred from last year as shown in the following table:-

Houses reported as being unfit	.....	16
Demolition Orders made	.....	11
Undertakings cancelled and demolition orders made		-
Closing Orders made	.....	3
Undertakings accepted	.....	1
Houses demolished	.....	12
Number pending	.....	2

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:-

- a) After formal action 9
 - i) Closing Orders determined ... 5
 - ii) Demolition Orders removed ... 3
 - iii) Undertakings cancelled ... 1
- b) Informal and voluntary action 47

Of the 47 houses made fit 44 obtained assistance by means of a Standard or Discretionary Grant.

A total of 224 visits were made under the Housing Acts and 138 re-inspections.

11.

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Five applications for Provisional Qualification Certificates were received during the year and all were granted.

Thirty-eight applications for Qualification Certificates were received and 18 were granted. No Qualification Certificates were refused and the 21 outstanding were waiting for minor items of repair to be completed.

In accordance with the Ministry recommendations applications for Qualification Certificates are dealt with on an informal basis in the first stage. The owners are advised as to the work which is necessary in order to comply with the qualifying conditions and the application is not usually dealt with until these conditions have been satisfied. In 10 cases the application was subsequently withdrawn because the owners could not meet the qualifying conditions.

12.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Standard Grants

Number of applications received	22
Number of applications approved	18 (including 1 from 1970)
Number of applications refused	1
Number pending at end of year	4
Number of applications withdrawn	-
Number of schemes paid during the year	24
Total cost of schemes paid during the year	£11,059.06
Total amount paid in grants during the year	£ 4,722.37
<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	
Number of applications received	76
Number of applications approved	68 (including 6 from 1970)
Number of applications refused	-
Number of applications withdrawn	-
Number of schemes paid during the year	64
Total expenditure on the completed schemes	£125,651.29
Total expenditure on improvements	£ 90,619.66
Total amount paid in grants	£ 38,117.43

One Standard Grant was refused as the owner already had all the amenities in the house. The application was in effect for the replacement of existing amenities.

The number of applications for Improvement Grants far exceed those for Standard Grants. In the majority of cases extensive alterations and repairs are carried out, which not only improve the buildings but considerably extend their useful life. As there are a large number of older houses in this district in need of renovation or modernising, owners are encouraged to apply for the Improvement Grant and so bring their houses up to a good standard. A great deal of time has been spent on the aspect of housing and altogether 315 visits were made in connection with proposed improvements.

The following table shows the number of visits for building inspection purposes to the above grants, carried out by this Department.

Foundations	... 59
Work in progress	... 799
Drainage	... 131
Completions	... 88

The following table shows the number of amenities provided by Improvement and Standard Grants during the year:-

Hot Water Supplies	Wash Basins	Baths	W.Cs	Landers	New Drainage Systems	Sinks
60	59	59	53	45	45	41

13. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

During the year two new premises were registered.

The following table shows the different types of premises registered:

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS				
1. Class of Premises	2. No. of premises registered during year	3. Total number of registered premises at end of year	4. No. of newly registered premises receiving general inspection during year	
Offices	-	23	-	-
Retail Shops	1	54	1	
Wholesale shops and warehouses	1	5	1	
Catering establishments open to public.	-	35	-	
Canteens				
TOTAL	2	117	2	

There are a total of 668 persons employed in these registered premises and the following table shows the number of persons employed in the various types of premises:-

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	156
Retail Shops	221
Wholesale Departments, warehouses	56
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	235
TOTAL	668

A general inspection was carried out on the 2 premises registered and they were both found to be satisfactory.

A total of 33 visits were made to premises registered under the Act and it was found that 1 was not complying with the Act.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS 1936 & 1961

Under these Acts various repairs to houses are dealt with as well as unsatisfactory drainage, water supply, and offensive accumulations and smoke and fumes nuisances. The following table shows the work under this heading:

Number of complaints received	111
Number requiring no action	19
Number of visits	220
Number of informal notices served	11+
Number of informal notices complied with	10
Number of Statutory Notices served	7
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	7
Number of verminous premises inspected	6
Number of disinfestations carried out	8

On investigations of these complaints, 19 did not constitute a Public Health nuisance in 8 cases the complaint was passed to another department or authority for attention. It was necessary to serve 14 informal notices for the following items, the remainder were satisfactorily dealt with by interviewing the person concerned:

Drainage	5
Repairs to houses	5
Accumulation of manure	2
Water supply	1
Keeping of animals	1

NOISE

Four complaints of noise nuisance were received but none warranted formal action although one Informal Notice was sent, and the noise was subsequently reduced.

DRAINAGE

The following works were carried out:-

Premises connected to the sewer	8
Premises redrained and septic tanks provided	17
Miscellaneous drainage works	32
Pail closets converted to water closets	32

5 Informal Notices were served regarding unsatisfactory drainage systems and 219 visits made.

WATER SUPPLY

Six complaints of unsatisfactory water supply were received. Two of these concerned mains water, and the appropriate Water Board was informed.

One of the other complaints was due mainly to the bad condition of the old galvanised iron supply pipe, and the other complaints were remedied by connecting to the mains in one instance and cleaning the wells in the other two cases.

The result of all the samples taken for bacteriological analysis during 1970 are tabulated below:-

CLASS	No. of Samples Taken			
	Bore	Land Spring	Private Well Supplies	Mains
Satisfactory	-	10	3	1
Unsatisfactory	-	13	6	-
TOTAL	-	23	9	1

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

a) Caravans

During the year 16 applications were received for site licences and were dealt with as shown below:-

Granted licences	...	...	...	10
Refused	...	...	...	4
Withdrawn	...	...	...	-
Pending	...	...	...	2

The following table shows the position of caravans in the district:-

	Privately owned Sites	
	Residential	Holiday
Number of site licences operating as at 31st Dec. 1970	54	17
a) Individual	43	5
b) Multiple (more than 3)	11	12
Total number of caravans	582	770
Number of contraventions -		
Section 9 (i.e. breaches of licence conditions)	-	-

The Council authorised proceedings to be taken in only 1 case during the year. This concerned the occupying of a site by a single caravan without the necessary site licence. The occupier was fined £20.

Eighty-five visits were made to caravan sites during the year.

b) Tents

Two additional sites were licensed during the year. There are now 5 site licences for 360 tents and 9 visits were made during the year. Generally conditions were found to be satisfactory, but there is a tendency for some of the sites to become overcrowded during the month of August. Some campers arrive at the site late at night and the licensee is not always aware of their arrival until the following day.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The kerbside collection of refuse was carried out in a satisfactory manner with only a small number of complaints. The Management Services Department of the Devon County Council carried out the necessary investigations during August of the five collection rounds with a view to implementing an incentive bonus scheme. The report was presented to the Council towards the end of the year and will be considered by them in the early part of 1972.

Difficulty was experienced regarding labour, particularly drivers, who have to hold a Heavy Goods Vehicle licence and can demand high wages in a market which is short of qualified drivers. If the incentive bonus scheme is adopted it is hoped that the higher wages will assist in obtaining staff. In my opinion the difference of 60p per week between a driver and a loader is inadequate particularly when it is considered he is responsible for an expensive piece of equipment.

An order was placed for a new Karriér 12.35 Muskeeter refuse collection vehicle and delivery is expected in March. A large screw is fitted to this vehicle which in addition to forcing the refuse into the body, considerably reduces its bulk. One of the main reasons for purchasing this particular vehicle was that it is small and thereby can easily negotiate narrow lanes but can hold a fairly large quantity of refuse. On trials it collected over 5 tons of refuse.

The oldest refuse collection vehicle which was purchased in 1963 broke down over the Christmas period. As it was in a poor state of repair generally it was decided not to re-licence it and in view of the impending delivery of the new vehicle.

The high cost of repairs to vehicles gave considerable concern and the matter was being investigated. It must, however, be remembered that these vehicles are stopping and starting all day long which gives much greater wear and tear than on a lorry doing a long journey. They are also fitted with complicated mechanism to push and compact the refuse, which is expensive to repair and replace.

BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION

A door to door collection of such items was carried out during the year and should do much to reduce the dumping of unwanted articles in open spaces.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

As the refuse tip in the railway cutting at Ide was completed in January and planning permission at that time had not been received for a continuation of this cutting near West Town Farm, it was decided to concentrate all disposal at Heathfield Farm, Clyst St. George. After

expensive drainage works had been carried out it was found that this tip would have a much greater capacity than was first envisaged. Unfortunately the Church Commissioners were not prepared to accept the finish of the tip at Ide and considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining the necessary soil. In August a haulage contractor agreed to dispose of surplus waste and soil at this tip and large quantities were tipped, but this came to an end in the late Autumn. Active steps were taken to obtain soil but it appears little progress will be made until next Spring.

LITTER COLLECTION

This collection continued in a satisfactory manner by weekly collections on all lay-bys by the refuse collection vehicles during their normal rounds, and a second collection during the summer by the open tipping lorry. The amount of litter continues to increase each year.

STREET SWEEPING

One of the two full-time road sweepers retired at the end of September and in view of the proposed incentive bonus scheme, he was not replaced. He was, however, employed in a temporary capacity for 8 hours per week in Lympstone and Woodbury, until such time as this scheme has been finalised. A full time road sweeper is employed in Exminster, Kenton and Starcross on a three-weekly basis. Part time sweepers are employed in 6 other parishes for 8 hours per week.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

During 1971 fifteen cars which were abandoned on road-side verges, lay-bys or common land were removed and disposed of in accordance with the provision of the Act.

18. CLEAN AIR ACT

Complaints have been received of the emission of dark smoke from a car breaker's yard. The smoke was sometimes caused by the burning out of old cars, and sometimes by the burning of tyres. An Informal Notice has been served, and the position has improved.

19. DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The Council continue to administer this Order by delegation from the Devon County Council; 1 new licence was issued during the year but one was revoked. The number now in force is 16. A total of 6 routine inspections were made.

20. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The number of visits to cases of infectious diseases and food poisoning are shown in the following table:-

Enquiries made in connection with cases of infectious diseases, and food poisoning, etc.	23
Miscellaneous infectious disease visits	10
Premises disinfected	2

21. AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

Nine farms were inspected under this Act during the year and the following shows the present position:-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Number of holdings inspected	10	9	5	12	1	9
Number satisfactory	9	9	5	12	1	9
Number unsatisfactory	1	-	-	-	-	-

22. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following is a copy of the annual return made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in connection with Rodent Control:-

Properties other than sewers	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. a) Total Number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	200	40
b) Number infested by: Rats Mice	165 33	38 9
2. a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification:	605	75
b) Number infested by: Rats Mice	202 30	18 2

The sewerage systems in 29 parishes were test baited but none were found infested with rats.

140 premises were treated for the following pests:-

Fleas	6
Flies	13
Hornets	25
Bees	8
Wasps	79
Ants	4
Cockroaches and beetles	5
	140

23. FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following are the particulars which the Ministry of Labour require to be included in annual reports showing the work carried out during the year:-

Premises (1)	Number on Register.	Inspec- tions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 & 6 to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	77	11	4	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers premises)	-	-	-	-

- 1 b) Cases in which defects were found:- NIL
c) Outwork (Section 133 - 134)

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ature of ork (1)	No. of Outworkers in August list req- uired 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply list (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
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Cables	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-

